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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8620

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

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SUBJ: BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER STOP OVER
IN ATHENS ON RETURN FROM PEKING

1. BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND FOREIGN MINISTER
VAN ELSLANDE ARRIVED ATHENS APRIL 29 ON FLIGHT FROM PEKING.
PRIME MINISTER DEPARTED SHORT TIME LATER FOR BRUSSELS WHILE
FOREIGN MINISTER STAYED OVERNIGHT AS GUEST GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTER BITSIOS AND DEPARTED APRIL 30 FOR ANKARA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS OF NEWSMEN, PM TINDEMANS
INDICATED THAT IN COURSE HIS TALKS IN PEKING, CHINESE HAD
REFERRED TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE INDICATED THAT BELGIAN
SIDE HAD "NOTED WHAT CHINESE TOLD US ON THE SUBJECT AND
WE ASKED THEM CERTAIN QUESTIONS".

3. FM VAN ELSLANDE COMMENTED THAT DURING HIS STAY IN ATHENS HE
WOULD TALK WITH FM BITSIOS ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL, EUROPEAN
AND BILATERAL TOPICS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HIS TRIP TO ANKARA
WAS RELATED TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, VAN ELSLANDE GAVE CATEGORICAL
NEGATIVE REPLY. SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN
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REPORTED THAT PM CARMANLIS RECEIVED VAN ELSLANDE "FOR FRIENDLY

DISCUSSION" APRIL 29.
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